

In 2009 the members of the National Ramsar Committee decided to intensify the activities for WWD, compared to previous years. It was decided to put a focus on visitor centres of the site managing GO and NGO's. The Ramsar brochure 'Caring for wetlands' was translated into Dutch and distributed to the visitor centres.

The organisation of WWD 2010 was a joint effort of the site managing organisations, Birdlife-Netherlands (Vogelbescherming Nederland) and the Department of Nature, Landscape & Rural Affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality.

In the table below the reactions from the various visitor centres are listed under 'remarks'. Frequent reactions were 'bad timing' en 'bad weather conditions' and 'no water birds'. This winter was indeed exceptionally severe, which explains the absence of birds in many places.

Process:

- September 2009: meeting Dutch RAMSAR committee decides to enhance efforts for the WW-Day 2010.
- November-December : List of participants is made and the Ministry LNV provides a translation and print of the WW-Day brochure. This year the three site management organisations in the Netherlands will work together with Vogelbescherming Nederland.
- December : first announcement to participants by email
- January: second announcement to participants by email about the delivery of materials (Posters and brochures).
- January 24th: delivery of materials (Posters and brochures) to participants.

	RAMSAR-Site	Organisation	Actions	Remarks
1.	De Wieden	Natuurmonumenten (NGO)	Posters and brochures on display	Bad timing; no water birds in the area because of weather conditions. More popular and to-the-point flyer Information on website Lecture in visitor centre
2.	Ankeveense plassen Naardermeer	Natuurmonumenten (NGO)	Posters and brochures on display in visitor centre	Materials(brochure) was too difficult for general public. It has been at the disposal of the visitor, but was not or hardly read. Sending this information is not very useful. Suggestion: organise meeting with people in the area(excursion leaders/volunteers. Or a special activity round WWDay at the visitor centre.
3.	Haringvliet	Natuurmonumenten (NGO)	No action	Materials have not arrived. Wrong address? Action in 2011!
4.	Weerribben	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display Also handed to volunteers	Recommended: Better programming with earlier information.
5.	Oostvaardersplassen	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display	Bad timing; no water birds in the area because of weather conditions.
6.	Texel	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display + excursion	Recommended: Better programming with earlier information
7.	Biesbosch	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display	No excursion (bad weather conditions)
8.	Groote Peel	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display + excursion	- Information in local newspapers, but no participants on excursion. - Recommended: Earlier planning
9.	Engbertsdijkvenen	Staatsbosbeheer (GO)	Posters and brochures on display	
10.	1. Dollard 2. Zuidlaardermeer 3. Leekstermeer 4. Waddenzee	Groninger Landschap (De 12 Landschappen) (NGO)	Team Dollard: Posters and brochures on display Team Zuidlaardermeer: No action Team Leekstermeer: No action Team Pieterburen (Waddenzee): No action, because visitor centre is closed during this period. However we would like to pay attention to this subject Also will also discuss excursions on site later this year.	Team Zuidlaardermeer + Team Leekstermeer: Plan to discuss action for 2011. Bad timing; no water birds in the area because of weather conditions. Area is very suitable. For excursion plan 2011 under consideration.
11.	Westerschelde & Verdrongen land van Saeftinghe	Zeeuws Landschap (De 12 Landschappen) (NGO)	Posters and brochures on display + Excursion (announcement on poster)	No participants during excursion.
12.	De Alde Feanen	Fryske Gea (De 12 Landschappen) (NGO)	Posters and brochures on display	Date is not good. Visitor centre will be closed in this period next year. Draft for press release is helpful.

13	Weerribben/Wieden, Lepelaarsplassen, Rottige Meenthe and Texel	Bird Life Netherlands	Posters and brochures on display handed out to volunteers (Wetland Watchers)	
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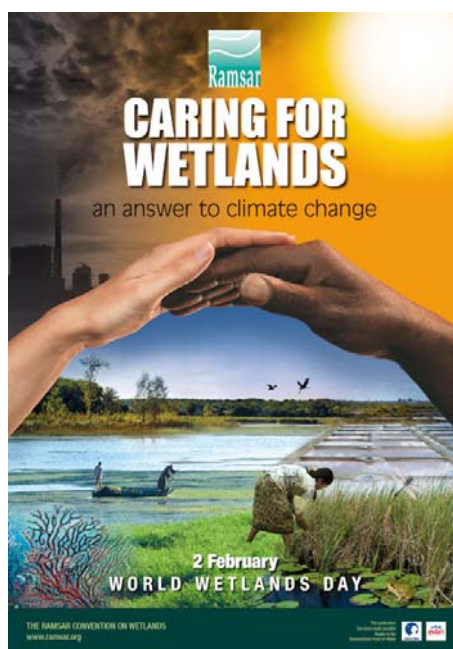
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Presentation of the WW-Day 2010 on the internal website of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality



Op 2 februari 1971 kwam het Verdrag van Ramsar, de Wetlands-conventie, tot stand in de Iraanse stad Ramsar. Het Verdrag van Ramsar voorziet in de wereldwijde bescherming van wetlands. Wetlands of waterrijke gebieden omvatten onder meer meren, moerassen, rivieren en kustzones. Ons grootste wetland is de Waddenzee.

Aanvankelijk was de bescherming van wetlands vooral gericht op de bescherming van trekvogels, nu op het hele ecosysteem en het belang van wetlands voor de mens. Naast biodiversiteit gaat het bij dat laatste onder meer om de bufferfunctie in het waterbeheer, waterleverantie, visserij, recreatie, koolstofopslag (venen) e.d.

Er zijn nu 159 landen bij het verdrag aangesloten en 1886 gebieden van internationale betekenis beschermd. Deze laatste hebben een oppervlakte van 185 miljoen hectare. Daarnaast is het verdrag gericht op het duurzaam gebruik van in principe alle wetlands, dus ook de niet-aangewezen wetlands.

Het Koninkrijk heeft 48 Ramsar-gebieden aangewezen, waarvan 6 op de Antillen en Aruba, met een totale oppervlakte van ca 844.000 ha. De 42 Nederlandse gebieden zijn allemaal ook Natura 2000-gebied, zodat de bescherming samenvalt met die van Natura 2000. De grote meerwaarde van Ramsar voor Nederland is dat wetlands op de hele vogeltrekroute van Siberië naar Nederland en van Nederland naar West-Afrika door het verdrag worden beschermd, dus tot ver buiten de EU.